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Title: METHODS FOR ROUTING ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATIONS BASED  
ON A MEASURE OF CRITICALITY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge a \$270.00 fee for additional claims to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [Ref. No. MSFTP263USA].